Fatal attacks upon senior citizens in Delhi

1330. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fatal attacks upon senior citizens in Delhi have shown a disturbing increase recently; and

(b) if so, the steps Government is taking to ensure their safety and welfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) 17 fatal attacks on senior citizens took place during 2007 in comparison to 12 attacks in the year 2006. The steps taken by Delhi Police for security of senior citizens include establishment of helpline; identification of elderly people living alone, verification of antecedents of their employees, particularly domestic servants and drivers; periodic visits to the residence of elderly persons by the Beat Staff and Station House Officers; setting up of Sentior Citizen's Security Cell; contacting the senior citizens by the officers of the Senior Citizen Security Cell, both personally and on telephone to give them emotional support and to create a sense of security; briefing the senior citizens about security devices and security related issues; adoption of senior citizens by school children; and organizing security awareness camps for the benefits of senior citizens, starting community liaison programme to involve senior citizens in larger community matters, distribution of printed material on the steps to be taken for the safety of life and property of senior citizens, educating senior citizens regarding law related to their safety and welfare, etc.

Chief Ministers meeting to discuss internal security

1331. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Ministers meeting was called on December 20, 2007 to discuss the imminent threat facing the internal security of the country;

(b) whether the Chief Ministers also discussed the severe blasts in Uttar Pradesh and the terror strikes in Assam, Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Malegaon and other parts of the country;

(c) what were the main points dicussed in the meeting;

(d) what were the main suggestions made by the Chief Ministers; and

(e) whether any concrete plan of action has been prepared by Government to check the terror and improve the internal security in the counry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) A Meeting with Chief Ministers on Internal Security was held under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister on 20.12.2007 in Delhi. In the Meeting, the internal security scenario in the country, including the challenges posed by terrorism and extremism, was reviewed, and various security related issues and strategies to meet the challenges to internal security were identified and discussed. *Inter alia,* these include the need for strengthening the State Special Branches and arrangements for gathering ground level intelligence, and further streamlining the related arrangements for coordination between different agencies; the need for time-bound steps by the State Governments to fill up vacancies in the State Police and measures to improve the Police population ratio; specialised training

of the State Police Forces to deal with challenges posed by terrorists/extremists; establishing nodal arrangements at the State level to give focussed attention to criminal activities pertaining to drug trafficking, money laundering, counterfeit currency, etc., which could also have links with terrorist activities; the issue of investigation of terrorism related cases having inter-State and international linkages by a central agency; strengthening security arrangements in respect of Mega cities and public transport systems; need for a holistic approach for dealing with the naxalite situation and close inter State coordination in anti-naxalite operations; establishment of a Cental Training Institution as a Centre of Excellence for training of trainers; raising of some specialised units within the CPMFs, trained and equipped for commando/ jungle warfare operations to deal effectiviely with naxalite and other types of extremist violence, etc.

(d) The suggestions made by the Chief Ministers in the Meeting, *inter alia*, included, stepping up of allocations under the Scheme for Modernization of Police Forces, enhancement of allocations for Mega city policing, financial assistance for manpowr support under the Coastal Security Scheme, assistance for raising specialised forces trained in jungle warfare, etc., deployment of Central Para military Forces free of charge to States affected by naxalism, reimbursement of part of the recurring expenditure on IR battalions, need for a regional strategy in the North-East to deal with insurgency and security related problems, deportation of illegal immigrants, implementation of the recommendations made by the Malimath Committee on Criminal Justice System, strengthening of laws to counter terrorism, etc.

(e) The Meeting expressed a unanimous commitment that all possible measures need to be taken to combat the menace of terrorism and extremism in the country, in close coordination between the Central and State Governments and their agencies. There was also a broad consensus on the approach and measures towards this end as indicated earlier.

Preparation of Model Jail Manual

†1332. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any draft has been sent to the State by the Government to prepare Model Jail Manual;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Jharkhand is also included therein; and

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed to prepare Model Jail Manual?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (d) Although prisons is a State subject, the Government of India prepared a Model Jail Manual and circulated it to all the States/UTs including the State of Jharkhand on 31.12.2003 with a request to adopt the same so that the recommendations of various Committees towards Modernisation of Prison Administration and also the guidelines issued by various High Courts and the Supreme Court from time to time could be incorporated in the respective State Prison Manual. No time limit has been fixed to adopt the Model Jail Manual by the State Governments.

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